

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 20, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room C, Building 470.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Anne Doremus
Patricia Loving, PA

Ms. Stankaitis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg who abstained

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. The AMA Code of Medical Ethics – Opinion on Self Treatment or Treatment of Immediate Family Members was provided by the Board Liaison. Board members are encouraged to review it.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

A copy of Proposed Bill No. 5086 “An Act Concerning the Connecticut Medical Examining Board” was provided to the Board. The Department of Public Health Office of Government Relations will track this bill and provide information as to any scheduled public hearings.

Mr. Erickson arrived at 1:35 p.m.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Gary Bykoff, MD – Petition No. 2006-1115-001-196

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gary Bykoff, MD. Attorney Katherine Callahan was present on behalf of Dr. Bykoff. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

Dr. Jacobs arrived at 1:45 p.m.

B. Robert Dudek, MD – Petition No. 2008-0916-001-166

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Dudek, MD. Dr. Dudek was present with Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

C. Martin Frank, MD – Petition No. 2008-1205-001-242

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Martin Frank, MD. Dr. Frank was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

D. Vibha G. Gautam, MD – Petition No. 2008-0603-001-088

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vibha G. Gautam, MD. Neither respondent nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

E. Tarik Kardestuncer, MD – Petition No. 2007-0611-001-104

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Tarik Kardestuncer, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

F. Vipul Dua, MD – Petition No. 2008-0630-001-119

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vipul Dua, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

V. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENTS

Efrain Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-146

Dr. Goldenberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Hanks. The Board Liaison will seek a public member panelist for this hearing and will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Peter Teiman, MD – Petition No. 2008-0618-001-111

Ms. Stankaitis will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Hanks. The Board Liaison will seek a third panelist for this hearing and will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Bridburg moved and Dr. Hanks seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters:

Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-091: The Department of Public Health and respondent are actively negotiating a Consent Order in this matter.

Randy Hassen, MD – Petition No. 2007 1210-001-209: A third hearing date is scheduled for January 30, 2009.

Mary Miller, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235: The hearing panel has scheduled a second fact-finding meeting for February 9, 2009

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Request for Declaratory Ruling

The Board reviewed a request filed by the State of Connecticut, Division of Public Defender Services, Office of Chief Public Defender asking the Board to issue a declaratory ruling regarding physician participation in the execution of condemned Connecticut inmates by use of lethal injection. The request asks the Board to rule as to whether physician participation in an execution, as defined by the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 2.06 constitutes a departure from the ethics of the medical profession, and/or, would a participating physician be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §§ 20-13c(4), 20-13c (5) or any other state statute or regulation.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Michael Courtney was present on behalf of the Office of Chief Public Defender.

Attorney Colson advised the Board as to the procedures for acting on a request for a declaratory ruling.

During discussion Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the Board entered executive session from 2:33 p. m. until 2:43 p.m. during which it received legal advice from Attorney Colson. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to deny the request for declaratory ruling. During discussion Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to table this matter until the February 17, 2009 Board meeting. The motion to table passed. The motion to deny was not acted upon.

Attorney Courtney made a request to address the Board but was denied in that the matter was tabled.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 17, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room C, Building 470.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Michael Lindberg, MD
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Martin Courneen
Douglas Fellows, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick

Ms. Stankaitis called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the January 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving and Ms. Doremus who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following correspondence/information was received and reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Department of Public Health Quarterly Investigations Summary.

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health
None

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Prior to the review of today's Consent Orders the Board discussed with Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health the need for additional information to be presented to the Board. Dr. Hanks and Dr. Bridburg commented that more detailed information is necessary for the Board to make informed decisions when approving Consent Orders.

Examples of additional information to be include on Consent Order cover sheets:

- how a complaint came to the DPH
- in prescribing related cases, information as to whether respondent has an addiction problem and/or is supporting another person's addiction.
- more detailed cases summaries in standard of care cases.

A workgroup to include Dr. Wolf, Dr. Hanks and Dr. Bridburg will meet with DPH to discuss this issue.

A. George Giffault, DO – Petition No. 2007-0531-001-096

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of George Giffault, DO. Attorney Michael Kogut was present with Dr. Giffault. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, that the Consent Order imposing a \$4500.00 civil penalty and one year probation be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who was not in the room when the vote was taken. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

B. Pasquale DeMatteo, DO – Petition No. 2007-0706-001-119

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Pasquale DeMatteo, DO. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Consent Order imposing a \$1000.00 civil penalty be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who abstained. Ms. Stankaitis signed the Order.

Dr. Bridburg strongly suggested that in future cases respondent and/or respondent's counsel be present when proposed Consent Orders are being reviewed.

V. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Bridburg moved and Dr. Hanks seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters:

Charles Jones, MD – Petition No. 2006-0111-001-010: A final day of hearing is scheduled for March 20, 2009.

Kimberly Meyer, PA – Petition No. 2008-1010-023-007: A hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2009.

Bernard Raxlen, MD – Petition No. 2003 1216-001-286: A hearing is scheduled for March 27, 2009.

Patrick Rocco, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079: A Pre-hearing conference was held on January 20, 2009.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Request for Declaratory Ruling

The Board reviewed a request filed by the State of Connecticut, Division of Public Defender Services, Office of Chief Public Defender asking the Board to issue a declaratory ruling regarding physician participation in the execution of condemned Connecticut inmates by use of lethal injection. The request asks the Board to rule as to whether physician participation in an execution, as defined by the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 2.06 constitutes a departure from the ethics of the medical profession, and/or, would a participating physician be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §§ 20-13c(4), 20-13c(5) or any other state statute or regulation.

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Michael Courtney was present on behalf of the Office of Chief Public Defender.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to enter executive session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General to discuss a pending claim contained in a letter from Attorney Courtney to Assistant Attorney General Thomas Ring. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:13 pm. until 2:18 p.m.

No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, that the Board deny the Office of Chief Public Defender's request for a declaratory ruling.

Dr. Lindberg spoke in opposition to the motion stating that additional information should be provided to the Board before making a decision on the request for a declaratory ruling. Dr. Bridburg spoke in favor of the motion stating it was not in the Board's purview to make ethics determinations.

Dr. Hanks concurred with Dr. Bridburg stating he did not feel it was in the Board's jurisdiction to determine ethical standards for the medical profession and that a process already exists through the adjudication of complaints to determine if a physician's conduct would be subject to disciplinary action.

The motion to deny the request for a declaratory ruling passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg and Ms. Loving who were opposed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Stankaitis, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 21, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room C, Building 470.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. Steven Wolf, MD
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Michael Lindberg, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Doremus
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Regina Stankaitis

Dr. Wolf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Wolf chaired this meeting in the absence of Ms. Stankaitis.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to enter executive session to confer with Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson regarding pending litigation before the Freedom of Information Commission in which the Board is the respondent.

The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:31 p.m. until 1:38 p.m.

Dr. Jacobs arrived during executive session, at 1:35 p.m.

No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

II. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve with edits made to paragraph two on page three. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wernick and Mr. Courneen who abstained.

III. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

IV. INFORMATION UPDATES

A. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that on-line license renewal for physicians, dentists and nurses will be operational by July 1, 2009. On-line license renewal for other professions will follow at a later date.

B. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program.

The program has moved its offices from the Connecticut State Medical Society to the Connecticut State Dental Association building.

John Santopietro, MD has recently been named as Program Director for HAVEN.

As of December 31, 2008 there were the following numbers of professionals enrolled in the program:

Physicians and Physician Assistants – 50	Veterinarians – 5
Nurses – 52	Podiatrists – 1
Dentists and Dental Hygienists – 5	Respiratory Therapist – 1
Social Worker - 1	

During 2009 to date, 10 physicians and 1 physician assistant have been referred to the program.

V. LICENSURE/PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Reinstatement Application – Robert Fryer, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Robert Fryer, MD. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to recommend approval of Dr. Fryer's reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement Application – Allan Myers, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Allan Myers. Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen to recommend approval of Dr. Myers' reinstatement application. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Morales inquired as to what procedure the Department should follow when processing physician reinstatement applications.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, that DPH follow the current policy of Board review of reinstatement applications for physicians who have not been in the active, clinical practice of medicine for longer than six (6) months. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Medical School Permit Application – Miguel Materin, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a medical school permit application of Miguel Materin, MD to allow him to practice solely at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to grant Dr. Materin's application for a permit to practice in a Connecticut medical school. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Ramana Primus, MD – Petition No. 2008-0529-001-087

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ramana Primus, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order which restricts respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to herself, family or friends. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

B. Vivian G. Mihailescu, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order modification in the matter of Vivian G. Mihailescu, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order which places respondent's license on probation for four years upon commencing practice in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

C. Patrick Rocco, MD – Petition No. 2006-0425-001-079

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patrick Rocco, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks and Dr. Wolf who were recused. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

D. William Harris, MD – Petition No. 2008-1010-001-190

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Harris, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, that language be added to the proposed Consent Order requiring respondent to inform any health care providers that he has an alcohol addiction. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks to table this matter to allow the DPH to discuss the recommended changes with respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Clifford Berken, MD – Petition No. 2008-1208-001-224

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Clifford Berken, MD. Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent agrees to refrain from practice pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

F. Salvatore Pace, MD – Petition No. 2008-0812-001-145

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Salvatore Pace, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and restricts respondent's prescribing of controlled substances to herself, family or friends. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Wolf signed the Order.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Bridburg moved and Mr. Erickson seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters:

Anthony Santomauro, MD – Petition No. 2007-0220-001-028: The parties have held meetings in an attempt to negotiate a settlement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Request for Declaratory Ruling

The Board reviewed a request filed by the State of Connecticut, Division of Public Defender Services, Office of Chief Public Defender asking the Board to reconsider its February 17, 2009 denial of a request for a declaratory ruling regarding physician participation in the execution of condemned Connecticut inmates by use of lethal injection. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, that the Board deny the Office of Chief Public Defender's request for reconsideration. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving and Dr. Lindberg who were opposed and Dr. Fellows who abstained.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion that the Board ask the Department of Public Health to research the validity of carrying out execution by lethal injection and to determine if the process is conducted in a humane fashion. Dr. Bridburg seconded the motion for discussion.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH informed that Board that the Department does not have the authority to issue an opinion as to whether execution by lethal injection is humane or not.

Dr. Hanks spoke in opposition to the motion and commented that the Office of Chief Public Defender can seek such an opinion from other sources.

Dr. Fellows commented that the Board should be cautious in offering an opinion for or against lethal injection.

Dr. Bridburg withdrew his second of Dr. Jacob's motion. Dr. Green then seconded Dr. Jacob's motion.

Dr. Jacobs and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Green abstained and all other Board members voted in opposition. The motion failed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Steven Wolf, MD

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 19, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room C, Building 470.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David M. Goldenberg, MD
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Anne Doremus
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Michael Lindberg, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD

Dr. Goldenberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys reported that Regina Stankaitis has been re-nominated to the Board by Governor Rell and is awaiting notification confirming her confirmation by the Senate.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys announced that the remaining meetings for 2009, will be held at the Legislative Office Building

III. INFORMATION UPDATES

- A. Department of Public Health
None

IV. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENT

Jatinder Bakshi, MD – Petition No.2008-0813-001-146

Dr. Lindberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Jacobs and Elliot Alter, OD. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Nancy Charest, MD – Petition No. 2006-0815-001-144

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nancy Charest, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve the Consent Order which places respondent's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving who was recused. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

Dr. Charest will notify the Department of Public Health monitoring unit if the need for medication is determined at any time during her ongoing treatment.

B. Robert Crootof, MD – Petition No. 2007-1126-001-200

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order modification in the matter of Robert Crootof, MD. Attorney Donald Leone was present on behalf of Dr. Crootof.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who abstained. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

C. Francis T. Martin, PA – Petition No. 2008-0618-023-004

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Francis T. Martin, PA. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which prohibits respondent's prescribing to himself, family or friends. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

D. Dennis Morgan, MD – Petition No. 2009-0325-001-050

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order modification in the matter of Dennis Morgan, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to approve the Consent Order modification, which reduces the frequency of random urine screening during remainder of his license probation. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

E. Javier Davila, MD – Petition No. 2008-0502-001-070

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Javier Davila, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

F. Deborah Pan, MD – Petition No. 2008-0502-001-069

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Deborah Pan, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Order.

G. Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-146

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension and a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney John Evans. Assistant Attorney General, Jane Comerford was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Antonetti provided a synopsis of the Department of Public Health investigation that resulted in the Summary Suspension motion.

Attorney Evans spoke in opposition to the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing in this matter is currently scheduled for June 12, 2009. Dr. Goldenberg signed the Summary Suspension Order.

Upon the advice of the Assistant Attorney General, the Board referred the Motion to Amend Statement of Charges to the hearing panel for a ruling at the hearing.

VI. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Bridburg moved and Ms. Doremus seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters: The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Meyer, PA – Petition No. 2008-1010-023-007 – Hearing scheduled for July 21, 2009.

Gregory Azia, MD – Petition No. 2007-0712-001-121 – Draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the hearing panel.

Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-091 – Hearing scheduled for June 12, 2009.

Mary Miller, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235 – Proposed Memorandum of Decision to be reviewed at the June 16, 2009 meeting.

Randy Hassen, MD – Petition No. 2007-1210-001-209 – Hearing scheduled for June 19, 2009.

M. Clive Robinson, MD - Petition No. 2007-0608-001-102 - Draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the hearing panel.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Goldenberg, MD

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 16, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus
Richard Bridburg, MD
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Michael Lindberg, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Regina Stankaitis
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks and Ms. Stankaitis who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry June 3, 2009 Declaratory Ruling concerning the administration of hyperbaric oxygen therapy by licensed podiatrists.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision
Mary Miller, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Augustus Southworth was present on behalf of Dr. Miller. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order placing Dr. Miller's license on probation for six months.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported on the following legislation that passed during the 2009 legislative session.

Public Act 09-155, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ASTHMATIC INHALERS AND EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS WHILE AT SCHOOL.

Public Act 09-125, AN ACT CONCERNING ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES.

Public Act 09-128, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTICS FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYME DISEASE.

Bill No. 66789, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSING STATUTES.

V. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENT

Gil Shlamovitz, MD – Petition No.2008-0502-001-146

Ms. Doremus will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Wolf and Ms. Loving. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Gregory Acampora, MD – Petition No. 2006-0815-001-144

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Gregory Acampora, MD.

Dr. Acampora was present without counsel.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which will terminate the probation of Dr. Acampora's license effective June 30, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-091

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Peter Benet, MD. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of Dr. Benet.

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a one-year probation and a \$15000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg who recused himself. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. William Harris, MD – Petition No. 2008-1010-001-190

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of William Harris, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order, which places Dr. Harris' license on probation for five years. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who recused himself. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

D. Raymond Clement, MD – Petition No. 2008-0924-001-173

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order modification in the matter of Raymond Clement, MD. Attorney Garie Mulcahey was present on behalf of Dr. Clement.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

E. Peter Levinson, MD – Petition No. 2007-1212-001-210

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Peter Levinson, MD. Attorney Christine Robinson was present on behalf of Dr. Levinson.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order. Following extensive discussion Dr. Wolf, Dr. Lindberg, Ms. Loving and Dr. Hanks voted in favor of approving the Consent Order, all other Board members voted in opposition. The motion to approve the Consent Order failed.

The Board suggested that a hearing be scheduled in this matter.

F. Arvind Shah, MD – Petition No. 2008-0414-001-063

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Arvind Shah, MD. Attorney Christine Robinson was present on behalf of Dr. Shah.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

G. Sultan Quraishi, MD – Petition Nos. 2005-1108-001-263; 2008-0606-001-099

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sultan Quraishi, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to table this matter to allow the DPH to discuss suggested modifications with respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Vladimir Coric, MD – Petition No. 2009-0422-001-076

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Vladimir Coric, MD. Attorney Robert Kiley was present on behalf of Dr. Coric.

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Tilles provided a synopsis of the Department of Public Health investigation that resulted in the Summary Suspension motion.

Attorney Kiley spoke in opposition to the Motion for Summary Suspension.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks, Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Sadinsky who were opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Summary Suspension Order.

A hearing in this matter will be scheduled for June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2009 at the Department of Public Health. Dr. Hanks will chair the hearing panel. The other panelists are Elliot Alter, OD and Maureen Kunkel, MD

I. Dean Schaffer, MD – Petition No. 2009-0513-001-094

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Dean Schaffer, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent agrees to refrain from practice pending resolution of this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

J. Edward Rippel, MD – Petition No. 2008-0205-001-024

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to add review of a Consent Order in the matter of Edward Rippel, MD to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented the Consent Order for review. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

VII. TIME EXTENSIONS

Dr. Goldenberg moved and Dr. Bridburg seconded to approve a 120-day extension in the following matters: The motion passed unanimously.

Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0712-001-121 – Hearing scheduled for July 10, 2009.

Charles Jones, MD – Petition No. 2007-0517-001-091 – Fact-finding scheduled for July 17, 2009.

Bernard Raxlen, MD – Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235– Hearing scheduled for June 19, 2009.

Peter Teiman, MD – Petition No. 2007-1210-001-209 – Proposed Consent Order being negotiated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 21, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Michael Lindberg, MD
Regina Stankaitis
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Henry Jacobs, MD
Howard Sadinsky, DO

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Courneen and Mr. Erickson who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Licensure Reinstatement Applications

1. Reinstatement Application – Joseph Barone, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Joseph Barone, MD. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Barone's license upon passing of the SPEX examination. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Reinstatement Application – Joan Glacy, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Joan Glacy, MD. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Glacy's license upon passing of the SPEX examination. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reinstatement Application – Charles Kahn, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health, presented a license reinstatement application of Charles Kahn, MD. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Kahn's license upon passing of the SPEX examination. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Goldenberg and Ms. Loving who were opposed and Dr. Wolf who abstained.

B. Standards of Care During a Public Health Emergency

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office, spoke on a Department of Public Health project of developing standards of care during a public health emergency. This project began in February 2008.

It is hoped that a draft white paper will be provided to the Board in August for the Board's review and comment.

C. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

M. Clive Robinson, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Paul Shaw was present with Dr. Robinson.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order reprimanding the license of Dr. Robinson.

D. Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Gregory Azia, MD - Petition No. 2005-0927-001-235

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Neither Dr. Azia nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order imposing a civil penalty of \$2000.00.

E. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Declaratory Ruling Proceeding

The Board reviewed a notice from the Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners regarding its intent to issue a declaratory ruling concerning the issue of when a chiropractic physician obtains informed consent from a patient prior to the performance of a joint mobilization, manipulation, or adjustment of the cervical spine, should the risk and/or possibility of the occurrence of a stroke or cervical artery dissection as a side effect of the procedure be addressed with the patient.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to request intervenor status so as to provide comment. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks who was opposed.

IV. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENT

Wayne Chung, MD – Petition No. 2008-0910-001-162

Dr. Bridburg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Ms. Loving and Denise Ward, PT. A hearing is scheduled for September 15, 2009.

Michelle Gero, MD – Petition No. 2007-1218-001-214

Dr. Fellows will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Jacobs and Maxine Borghesi, DVM. The Board Liaison will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

Peter Levinson, MD – Petition No. 2007-1212-001-210

Dr. Lindberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Elliott Alter, OD and Harold Hebb. A hearing is scheduled for September 8, 2009 and October 1, 2009.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Scott Boden, MD – Petition No. 2008-0310-001-048

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Scott Boden, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Sultan Quraishi, MD – Petition Nos. 2005-1108-001-263; 2008-0606-001-099

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sultan Quraishi, MD. Attorney Michael Kurs was present on behalf of Dr. Quraishi. This matter was reviewed at the June 16, 2009 meeting. It was tabled to allow the DPH to discuss suggested modifications with respondent.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks to approve the Consent Order.

Following extensive discussion Dr. Bridburg withdrew his motion.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to reject the Consent Order with a recommendation that this case be brought to a hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks and Mr. Erickson who were opposed.

C. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on voluntary agreement

Peter Teiman, MD – Petition No. 2008-0618-001-263

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Teiman's voluntary agreement not renew or reinstate his license. Attorney William Sweeney Jr., was present on behalf of respondent. Mr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

D. Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on voluntary agreement

Kimberly Meyer, PA – Petition No. 2008-1010-023-007

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Ms. Meyer's voluntary agreement not to reinstate her license. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to grant the Department's motion.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order withdrawing the Statement of Charges.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 18, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Regina Stankaitis
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Hanks, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Susan Wernick

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the July 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Sadinsky who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Department of Public Health Quarterly Investigation Update
4. A request for Intervenor Status to participate in the Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Declaratory Ruling regarding informed consent was reviewed. Dr. Fellows prepared the request in conjunction with Assistant Attorney General Rosemary McGovern. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the request and send it to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
5. Correspondence from Freda Bush, MD, Federation of State Medical Boards.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

A. Standards of Care During a Public Health Emergency

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office, reported that the draft white paper should be completed by late September for review in October.

B. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practiotner Licensing and Investigations, reported that online license renewals for physicians , dentists and nurse is functioning.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Residency Equivalency Determination – Georgina Scholl, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Scholl’s education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to reject this matter due to lack of information. The motion failed.

Dr. Goldenberg then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to table this matter and request additional information regarding Dr. Scholl’s education and training as well as a statement from Dr. Scholl as to her plans should she be granted licensure in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Motion for Reconsideration/Motion for Reinstatement

Efraim Gomez-Zapata, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-146

Assistant Attorney General was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney John Evans was present with respondent. Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Evans concerning both motions.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stankaitis, to approve a ruling denying respondent’s motion for reconsideration of the Board’s May 19, 2009 decision to summarily suspend respondent’s license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who abstained

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny respondent’s motion for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. David Fakier, MD – Petition No. 2008-1205-001-243

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Fakier, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes \$500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Peter Levinson, MD – Petition No. 2007-1212-001-210

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Peter Levinson, MD. Attorney Christine Robinson was present with of Dr. Levinson.

Mr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Jeffrey Pellenberg, MD – Petition No. 2009-2009333

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jeffrey Pellenberg, MD. Attorney Patrick Filan was present with of Dr. Pellenberg.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order, which places respondent's license on probation for a period of five years. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 15, 2009

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Regina Stankaitis
C. Steven Wolf, MD

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the August 18, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Courneen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

A. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton addressed the Board regarding legal support to Board and Commissions by Assistant Attorneys General during meetings and administrative hearings.

B. The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Declaratory Ruling regarding Manipulation Under Anesthesia.

4. Ruling granting the CMEB's request for Intervenor Status to participate in the Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Declaratory Ruling proceeding regarding informed consent.
5. Ms. Doremus announced that she and Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH attend a meeting of the Vermont Medical Board.

Dr. Jacob's reported that the Connecticut State Medical Society will add mandatory background checks for physician licensure to its 2010 legislative package.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Residency Equivalency Determination – Rita Rabheru, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Rabheru's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to accept Dr. Rabheru's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who was opposed.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to add the matter of Joseph Mitchel, DO, Petition No. – 2009-20091235 to the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who recused himself.

A. Vladimir Coric, Sr., MD – Petition No. 2009-0422-001-076

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Vladimir Coric, Sr., MD. Attorney Robert Kiley was present on behalf of Dr. Coric.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a period of probation with practice restrictions and an agreement not to renew his license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Bridburg and Dr. Jacobs who were opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Olga Manson, MD – Petition No. 2007-1105-001-183

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Olga Manson, MD. Attorney Frank Silvestri was present on behalf of Dr. Manson.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Nicholas Salerno, MD – Petition No. 2009-0128-001-012

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nicholas Salerno, MD. Attorney Donald Leone was present on behalf of Dr. Salerno.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Consent Order, which requires respondent to provide the Department of Public Health with 90 days notice prior to resuming practice. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

D. Sari Friedman, MD – Petition No. 2009-0121-001-010

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sari Friedman, MD. Attorney Richard Brown was present on behalf of Dr. Friedman.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

E. Joseph Mitchel, DO, Petition No. – 2009-20091235

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Interim Consent Order in the matter of Joseph Mitchel, DO. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hanks, to approve the Interim Consent Order, which suspends respondent's license until this matter is resolved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg and Mr. Courneen who were recused. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 20, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Michael Erickson
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Susan Wernick
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Regina Stankaitis

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

A. The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners – Declaratory Ruling regarding Informed Consent.

The Board reviewed pre-file testimony drafted by Dr. Fellows in this matter. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the document and file it with the Connecticut State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The motion passed unanimously.

III. HEARING PANEL ASSIGNMENTS

Brian Sandbridge, MD – Petition No. 2007-1129-001-204

Dr. Wolf will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Donald Grayson, MD and Denise Ward, PT. A hearing is scheduled for November 30, 2009.

Mahmoud Yekta, MD – Petition No. 2009-0328-001-047

Dr. Fellows will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Jacobs and Elliot Alter, OD. A hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2009.

Joanne Passalacqua, MD – Petition No. 2009-0217-001-018

Dr. Green will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Dr. Sadinsky and Harold Hebb,. A hearing will be scheduled for February 2010.

Nassin Shams (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2008-0725-001-040

Dr. Wolf will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Ms. Stankaitis and Mr. Erickson. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2009.

David Lastomirsky, MD – Petition No. 2008-0606-001-100

Dr. Fellows will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be John Senechal, MD and Elliot Alter, OD. A hearing will be scheduled to begin after January 15, 2010.

Vasilios Karabinis, MD – Petition No. 2007-001-179

Dr. Goldenberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The other panelists will be Mr. Erickson and Joseph Kaplowe, PA. A hearing will be scheduled to begin after January 15, 2010.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Reginal Winfield Raynor III, MD – Petition No. 2009-0217-001-018

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Reginal Winfield Raynor III, MD. Attorney Nancy DeRose was present on behalf of Dr. Raynor.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$4000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

Mr. Erickson arrived at 1:40 p.m.

B. Robert Sterling, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091258

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Robert Sterling, MD. Neither respondent nor his Attorney, James Biondo were present.

Attorney New ton informed the Board that respondent's attorney requests, that should the Board grant the Summary Suspension motion, respondent would request that the hearing not be scheduled to begin for at least 60 days.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. In addition, should respondent request a continuance of the hearing that it be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panelists in this matter will be Ms. Doremus, Dr. Bridburg and Velandy Manohar, MD. The hearing will be scheduled for November 6, 2009 pending receipt of a continuance request from respondent.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 17, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Douglas Fellows, MD
Robert Green, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Regina Stankaitis
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Erickson
Steven Hanks, MD
Susan Wernick

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Stankaitis who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Letter from King Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Cary, North Carolina.
3. Ms. Doremus reported that she recently attended a meeting of the State of New Hampshire Board of Medicine.

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Jyoji Bristol, MD – Petition No. 2008-0724-001-138

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Jyoji Bristol, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Timothy Pothin. Hearing Officer Stacy Owens was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board heard argument from Attorneys Tilles and Pothin.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to enter executive session to share their thought process relative to the motion for summary suspension. The motion to enter executive session passed unanimously and the Board entered executive

session from 2:09 p.m. until 2:11 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session the Board voted unanimously to grant the motion for Summary Suspension.

The hearing panelists in this matter will be Dr. Fellows, Maxine Borghesi, DVM and Joseph Kaplowe, PA. The hearing will be scheduled for December 4, 2009.

B. Edward E. Edgar, Jr., MD – Petition No. 2009-0420-001-069

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Edward E. Edgar, Jr., MD. Respondent was neither present nor represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order, which requires respondent to provide the Department of Public Health with 90 days notice prior to resuming practice. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Anthony Santomauro, MD – Petition No. 2007-0220-001-028

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Anthony Santomauro, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order, which reprimands respondent's license and requires the reporting surgical complications to the Department of Public Health. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed, Dr. Bridburg who abstained and Dr. Sadinsky who recused himself. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

D. Michelle Gero, MD – Petition No. 2007-1218-001-0214

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michelle Gero, MD. Attorney Alice Vautour was present on behalf of Dr. Gero.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 15, 2009**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 1-C.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Doremus, Chairperson
Richard Bridburg, MD
Martin Courneen
Douglas Fellows, MD
Steven Hanks, MD
Henry Jacobs, MD
Michael Lindberg, MD
Patricia Loving, PA
Howard Sadinsky, DO
Regina Stankaitis
C. Steven Wolf, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Erickson
David M. Goldenberg, MD
Robert Green, MD
Susan Wernick

Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the November 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Courneen, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Hanks who abstained.

II. CHAIR UPDATES

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

III. Department of Public Health UPDATES

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office reported that the draft White Paper regarding standards of care during a public health emergency is to be shared with the Legislatures Public Health Committee. The draft will then be posted on the DPH web site and public comment will be encouraged

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Jay Kaplan, MD – Petition No. 2008-0606-001-104

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jay Kaplan, MD. Attorney Susan Huntington was present on behalf of Dr. Kaplan.

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Cynthia Ronan, MD – Petition No. 2007-0817-001-143

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Cynthia Ronan, MD. Neither respondent nor her attorney was present.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which places Dr. Rona's license on probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Nassin Shams (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2008-0725-000-040

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Nassin Shams. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Hanks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which orders respondent to cease and desist from practicing medicine. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Doremus, Chairperson